Seizure of Smack by Police

1584. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 25th April, 1988 to the effect that smack worth Rs. 22 crore in international market was seized by the district police near Jakhali village near Patiala from a truck which was on its way to Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to stop such types of crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Economic Offences against President, NCCF

1585. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2287 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports of economic offences and amassing or huge properties by the then President, NCCF which appeared in the Jansatta of 8th April, 1986 captioned "Sahkarita Yani Mil Baat Kar Khao' (ii) in the Indian Observer of March, 1988 captioned 'Tapeshwar Singh, MP on looting Spree' and (iii) in the Indian Observer of April, 1986 captioned 'Tapeshwar Singh in the Dock'; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cases of the then President, NCCF, his family members and his concerns have been centralised with a Senior assessing officer of the Income-tax Department for coordinated and in-depth investigation and completion of assessments.

Sick Textile Mills in Tamil Nadu

1586. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of sick textile mills which are lying closed in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government propose to convene a high level meeting to discuss about the sickness of these textile mills in order to make these units viable; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be convened?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 29.2.88 there were a total of 42 cotton/man-made fibre textile mills lying closed in Tamil Nadu. Of these, two cases had been registered by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies Act.

(b) and (c) Government have already constituted, a Nodal Agency to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of sick textile mills found by it to be viable. A Textile Modernisation Fund has been created to meet the modernisation needs of weak but potentially viable textile units. A Board for Industrial